

REMARKS

Claims 26-37 are pending. By this Amendment, claims 19-25 are cancelled and new claims 26-37 are added.

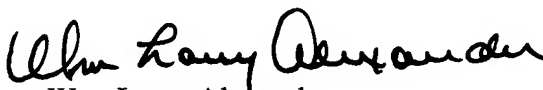
35 U.S.C. § 102

All of some of claims 19-25 were rejected as anticipated by US 349,907, US 44,987, US 2,587,822, US 4,084,850, US 4,157,203, US 4,333,683, US 4,549,764, US 4,733,910, US 4,856,846, US 4,869,552, US 5,100,201, US 5,108,149, US 5,114,210, US 5,649,739, US 5,704,688, US 5,887,946, US 5,904,397, US 5,988,746, and US 6,739,663. Claims 19-25 are canceled and the rejections are therefore deemed moot. Applicant believes that the claims now pending are patentable over the disclosures of all known documents.

In view of the foregoing, it is submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration and prompt allowance of the application are respectfully requested.

The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned if the Examiner believes it would be useful to advance prosecution.

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